

APPROVED: Meeting No. 33-91

ATTEST: 

MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND  
Meeting No. 30-91

August 5, 1991

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in General Session in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, Maryland Avenue at Vinson Street, Rockville, Maryland, on August 5, 1991, at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Douglas M. Duncan

Councilmember James F. Coyle

Councilmember Viola D. Hovsepian

Councilmember David Robbins

ABSENT

Councilmember James T. Marrinan

In attendance: City Manager Bruce Romer, City Clerk Sharon Gran and City Attorney Paul Glasgow.

Re: City Manager's Report

1. On tonight's agenda, there is an award of the bid for the Cabin John Creek Stormwater Management Facility environmental study. The City observed a deliberate process in seeking proposals from seven different firms, taking into account all questions and concerns of residents and attempting to incorporate these concerns into the interview process. One of the residents keenly interested in the project, Mr. Slovic, stopped in the office this afternoon and indicated that he and other interested parties reviewed the selection process and agreed with the recommendation to award the bid to Environmental Research and Planning.

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2. Regarding Consent Agenda Item 7E, the figure on the agenda for the Lincoln Park storm drainage, \$48,050, is correct; some of the backup information has an incorrect figure.

3. With respect to the smoothseal contract, in view of the time of year and economic issues, the City received a very favorable bid of \$34.60 per ton when the estimate was \$50 per ton. Streets which normally would not be done until next year are being added to the work plan this year to take advantage of this low rate.

4. The bond sale is scheduled for tomorrow, August 6, at 11:00 a.m., and there will be a special session of the Mayor and Council at 5:30 p.m. tomorrow evening to approve the bond sale. We received some very favorable news from Moody's rating agency today--the City's bond rating has been upgraded from Aa to Aa1, just one step below the coveted AAA rating. The City has retained the AA+ rating from Standard & Poor's.

Re: Proclamation declaring August  
6, 1991, as **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**.

Proclamation No. 17-91

By a unanimous vote of the Mayor and Council, August 6, 1991, was declared "National Night Out" in Rockville. Councilmember Coyle read the Proclamation, the full text of which can be found in Proclamation File No. 6 of the Mayor and Council.

The National Night Out program recognizes the importance of community crime prevention efforts in promoting the safety and well-being of our citizens. Garry Elliott of the Rockville Watch Steering Committee accepted the Proclamation and listed the neighborhoods which would be holding block parties in recognition of this event.

Re: Citizens' Forum

At this time, the Mayor opened the meeting to hear from any citizen who wished to address the Mayor and Council.

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1. Tom Curtis, 2519 Lindley Terrace, announced the formation of Rockville's Common Ownership Communities Association as of July 9, 1991. This organization will develop policies and procedures for dispute resolution between associations and members and will also serve as an information-sharing resource. Members of the Executive Committee were introduced. A general assembly meeting is planned for Tuesday, October 22, 1991, in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

2. Randy Slovic, 9 Dairyfield Court, thanked the Mayor and Council and staff for the opportunity to participate in the selection process for the consultant who will conduct the environmental study for the Cabin John Lake project. She indicated that Environmental Research and Planning was a good choice.

Mrs. Slovic extended an invitation to the Mayor and Council to attend a water quality workshop on September 14, at 1:00 p.m. at the Faith Methodist Church.

3. Tim Dugan, Wilkes, Artis, Hedrick & Lane, referenced Consent Agenda Item 70, motion to accept Text Amendment Application T-119-91. He suggested that there be an initial period of two years to commence construction along with the proposed extensions of one year each. The Planning Staff originally proposed two years, but this was changed to one year by the Planning Commission.

Mayor Duncan commented that the Planning Commission would be requested to reconsider the two-year period.

4. Alan Kempsey, First National Bank of Maryland, outlined the chronology of the review process for Text Amendment Application T-116-90, Item 11 on the Agenda, and urged the Mayor and Council to adopt this Text Amendment.

There being no other citizens wishing to be heard, the Mayor closed the Citizens' Forum portion of the meeting.

Re: Appointments

Upon motion of Councilmember Coyle, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Karen

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Boujoukos was reappointed to a two-year term on the Advisory Commission on Public Education.

Upon motion of Councilmember Robbins, duly seconded and unanimously passed, John Keefe and Margaretta Tutson were appointed to one-year terms and Ruth Loevinger and Maurice Ward were reappointed to three-year terms on the Board of Supervisors of Elections.

Upon motion of Councilmember Coyle, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Harriet Margolis was reappointed to a two-year term on the Economic Development Council as a Chamber of Commerce Representative.

Upon motion of Councilmember Coyle, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Stephanie Ferguson was appointed to a four-year term on the Human Rights Commission.

Re: Approval of Minutes

Upon motion of Councilmember Hovsepian, duly seconded, with Councilmembers Coyle and Robbins abstaining, the minutes of Meeting No. 28-91 (July 8, 1991) were approved, as written.

Upon motion of Councilmember Coyle, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the minutes of Meeting No. 29-91 (July 15, 1991) were approved, as written.

Re: Consent Agenda

Councilmember Coyle requested the removal of Item C, and Councilmember Hovsepian requested the removal of Items D and E from the Consent Agenda. Upon motion of Councilmember Robbins, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the following Consent Agenda items were approved:

- A. Award of Bid No. 15-92 for the purchase of one automatic video cassette changer to Peirce-Phelps, Inc. for the low bid price of \$23,900.

The amount budgeted for this purchase is \$25,000.

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- B. Award of Bid No. 10-92, City park play structures, to low bidder, Iron Mountain Forge, in the amount of \$324,903.

This project involves providing all labor, materials, equipment, installation, inspection, incidentals and guarantee for new park play structures at 13 City park sites. Funding in the amount of \$350,000 is budgeted for this project.

All bids are significantly below the engineer's estimate.

- F. Award of Bid No. 17-92, Annual Smoothseal Pavement Resurfacing Contract, to Driggs Company, Capitol Heights, Maryland, for the low bid amount of \$256,000.

The engineer's estimate was \$50 per ton for asphalt compared with the low bid of \$34.60 per ton.

- G. Purchase of cold plastic pavement marking materials from the 3M Company for a total of \$44,937.35.

This is a cooperative procurement, using State of Maryland Contract C4270. The markings would be used for the Ritchie Parkway project, the reconstruction of the City section of W. Montgomery Avenue, and for maintenance of existing road markings.

- H. Approval of purchase of software maintenance for the City's accounting and payroll systems in the amount of \$45,146.23 from American Management Systems on a sole-source basis for FY1992.

These services provide product warranty, problem resolution and updated software releases as well as membership in the AMS User's Group. There are sufficient funds budgeted for this purchase.

- I. Extension of two contracts for long-term capital projects scheduled to be completed this fiscal year. Both the Asbestos Abatement program and the Roof Replacement program should be completed as part of the FY92 budget. CIMAC and Engineering and Technical Consultants (ETC) have been the engineers of record for the Asbestos Removal and Roof Reconstruction projects, respectively, since inception of the projects.

Extensions for engineering work are projected not to exceed \$25,000 for the Asbestos Abatement program and \$15,300 for the Roof Replacement program. There are sufficient monies budgeted for these extensions.

- J. Award of Bid No. 16-92, Cabin John Creek Stormwater Management Facility Environmental Study, to Environmental Research and Planning in the amount of \$77,054.

This contract includes a complete environmental assessment and examination of alternative sites. Funds are available through the Stormwater Management Fund.

- K. Approval of waiver for on-site SWM at 736 Rockville Pike and acceptance of a \$17,020 contribution to the SWM fund. Rockville Instant Printing is proposing to renovate the existing building and add green space.

The runoff from this site is conveyed by enclosed storm drain to the Cabin John Creek. The proposed Cabin John Lake will provide water quantity and quality control. The lake has currently received waivers totalling 7.15% of its storage. This waiver will increase the quantity to 7.25%.

- L. Approval of waiver for on-site SWM at 316 Beall Avenue, and acceptance of a \$4,000 contribution to the SWM

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fund. John Tomley proposes to build a single-family home.

The runoff from this site is conveyed by gutter flow and enclosed storm drains to a tributary of Watts Branch. The proposed Woodley Gardens South SWM facility will provide water quantity control. This proposed facility is scheduled for completion in FY95 and has currently received waivers totalling 16.1% of its capacity. This waiver will increase the quantity to 16.4%. Water quality will be provided on-site by vegetative filters.

- M. Approval of waiver for on-site SWM at 106 Forest Avenue, and acceptance of a \$4,800 contribution to the SWM fund. Mehryar Ebrahimi proposes to build a single-family home.

The runoff from this site is conveyed by overland flow and enclosed storm drains to a tributary of Watts Branch. The proposed Woodley Gardens south SWM facility will provide water quantity control. This proposed facility is scheduled for completion in FY95 and has currently received waivers totalling 16.4% of its capacity. This waiver will increase the quantity to 16.7%. Water quality will be provided on-site by vegetative filters.

- N. Authorization to approve an encroachment agreement permitting the Victoria Condominium Apartment Building to encroach two inches into the right-of-way of Middle Lane.

- O. Motion to accept Text Amendment Application T-119-91 for processing and forwarding to the Planning Commission for further review and recommendation.

This text amendment provides for amendments to certain time limits for use permit, subdivision and PRU, RTH and CPD detailed applications.

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- P. Motion to reopen the public hearing record in connection with proposed special assessment levies for the construction of Research Boulevard north of State Route 28 to Shady Grove Road; Gude Drive from Research Boulevard to State Route 355; and the Research Boulevard water main.

Reopening the public hearing record in connection with these projects will provide for the receipt of additional pertinent information from affected property owners. The record would remain open until September 3, 1991, and the Mayor and Council will again consider the proposed special assessments in September.

- Q. Motion to approve City of Rockville membership in the Montgomery County High Technology Council.

Active participation in the High Tech Council will be beneficial to the City in a number of ways, including assistance in attracting new, high tech businesses to Rockville. The annual dues for associate members is \$600.

Re: Rejection of Bid No. 58-91, Community Park Shelters. The low bid of \$233,100 submitted by Heritage Builders is \$26,254 over budget.

This project would provide for the demolition and total reconstruction of the park shelters at Calvin, Maryvale and Hillcrest.

Councilmember Coyle had asked that this item (C) be removed from the Consent Agenda in order to inquire as to whether it would be more prudent to allocate additional funds and move forward with the low bid. Staff noted that they have been experiencing cost overruns of approximately 10% and the project could end up being as much as 20% over



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the estimate. The architect will be requested to review alternatives which would result in lower bids.

Upon motion of Councilmember Coyle, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Bid No. 59-91 was rejected.

Re: Award of Bid No. 12-92 for annual concrete maintenance program and related construction to low bidder, Nazario Construction Company, Beltsville, Maryland, for the low bid amount of \$665,000.

This program also includes driveway aprons, water and sewer street repairs, roadway spot improvements and pedestrian handicap ramps. Because of extremely favorable bids (30% less than two years ago), staff is recommending expenditure of the full remaining budget appropriations for catching up on a backlog of work orders.

Councilmember Hovsepian had requested that this item (D) be removed from the Consent Agenda to make note of the fact that installation of concrete aprons results in stormwater runoff. The City should closely track how many of these aprons are installed, and the City Manager responded that staff will do so.

Upon motion of Councilmember Hovsepian, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Bid No. 12-92 was awarded to the low bidder, Nazario Construction Company, for the low bid amount of \$665,000.

Re: Award of Bid No. 13-92, seven separate small construction projects, to low bidders as follows: Machado Construction for Beall Avenue sidewalk (\$26,043.75) and Watts Branch Parkway traffic circle (\$15,372.52); Buenos Aires Construction for Congressional Lane pavement widening (\$19,643); VMP Construction

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for Lincoln Park storm drainage (\$48,050); Romano Concrete Construction for W. Lynfield Drive pavement widening (\$36,006) and Maryland Avenue sidewalk (\$11,200); and D & F Construction for Maple Avenue sidewalk (\$11,070).

Councilmember Hovsepian had asked that this item (E) be removed from the Consent Agenda to note that the pavement for sidewalks will also add to the stormwater runoff.

Upon motion of Councilmember Hovsepian, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Bid No. 13-92 was awarded for seven separate small construction projects to the low bidders.

Mayor Duncan inquired as to when the Watts Branch Parkway traffic circle would be completed and was advised by staff that all of the projects were scheduled to be completed by November 1.

Re: Award of a \$15,000 Art Commission to Paul Daniel for the Rockcrest Ballet Center and Park. Proposals of three artists for artwork for Rockcrest Ballet Center and Park were presented to the Cultural Arts Commission at their May 8 meeting and to the Mayor and Council at their June 10 meeting. The Cultural Arts Commission recommends award of the proposal of Paul Daniel. Commission Chairperson Ken Lechter and City Art Consultant, Francoise Yohalem, will be present to answer any questions regarding the proposals of the three finalists.

The Mayor and Council commented that their earlier questions regarding these proposals had been satisfactorily answered. Mayor Duncan indicated that, with the safety

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concerns having been addressed, he felt the Blue Angel was a better piece for the site.

Upon motion of Councilmember Coyle, duly seconded, with Councilmembers Coyle, Hovsepian and Robbins voting aye and Mayor Duncan voting no, Paul Daniel was awarded the art commission for the Rockcrest Ballet Center and Park in the amount of \$15,000.

Re: Award of Bid No. 7-91, Courthouse Square Improvements, to the low bidder, Park Site Construction, for the bid amount of \$160,247.

This project involves some site demolition and site improvements to existing grades, street closure, brick pavement repairs, removal of existing rotary, repair of damaged bollards and new site signage. Funding in the amount of \$179,995 is budgeted for this project.

The City Manager commented that this project has occupied a great deal of time and has been the subject of a series of meetings and presentations. A brief video was presented showing the current situation in Courthouse Square, and Greg Bayor, Director of Recreation and Parks, highlighted some areas currently considered safety hazards such as the low bollards and the brick steps leading up to the park benches. Although the square would be closed to through traffic, emergency vehicular access would be retained.

Discussion ensued regarding the seven parking spaces to be added. It was generally felt that the addition of parking spaces would encourage rather than reduce traffic movement in the square. However, the business owners, particularly the Credit Union, indicated the need for same.

Councilmember Coyle voiced two concerns, the first being the use of the parking lot as a business lot rather than a drop-off point. Staff responded that parking would be limited to one-half hour. His second concern deals with the three outer parking

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spaces which he feels may impede pedestrian traffic.

Councilmember Hovsepian indicated that she would like to see the number of new parking spaces restricted to an additional four spaces noting that the Credit Union has never had on-street parking. Staff responded that a small change order could effect the change from seven to four parking spaces.

Councilmember Coyle requested that approval of the four spaces be limited to one year following completion of construction at which time staff would report to the Mayor and Council as to the continued benefit of such parking spaces.

Upon motion of Councilmember Hovsepian, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Bid No. 7-91, Courthouse Square Improvements, was awarded to the low bidder, Park Site Construction, Inc. for the bid amount of \$160,247, as amended to delete three of the proposed seven parking spaces and with the understanding that staff would report back one year after completion of the project regarding the continued benefit of the additional parking spaces.

Re: Presentation of proposed wetlands mitigation sites for the Cabin John Lake project.

This presentation will detail the mitigation sites which have potential for regulatory agency approval. Following the presentation, it is recommended that direction be given to file the proposed sites to begin the review process.

Staff advised that a total of 9.3 acres of mitigation were required and the recommended mitigation sites were selected according to defined criteria such as "low-lying areas near water" and "public property." After developing a long list of potential sites, over 40 sites were reviewed and on-site visits conducted. Subsequently, the following sites within the City were identified:

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- o Watts Branch in Woottons Mill Park
- o Rockingham/Barnside site
- o Along Cabin John Creek as it passes through Elwood Smith Park
- o Immediately north of Ritchie Parkway
- o South of proposed lake

The two proposed County sites are:

- o Green Farm Park
- o Muddy Branch, Shady Branch in the upper county

With respect to Woottons Mill Park, there are a number of possibilities, including wetlands creation, wetlands rehabilitation and stream restoration. There are a number of areas along the stream channel that can be stabilized and there is potential for enhancing and restoring the tributary.

With respect to the Rockingham/Barnside site, one acre of wetlands could be created.

As to Green Farm Park near the Airpark, land near an existing pond on the property provides an ideal location for creating additional wetlands.

The City Manager noted that, if the Mayor and Council desire, staff can proceed to file these sites with the State and, thus, begin the review process.

Councilmember Coyle inquired as to how much of the four acres in Woottons Mill Park would be wetlands versus passive recreation. He also expressed concern regarding the fact that although a decision has not been made to go ahead with the lake, the City may reach a point of no return in terms of the amount of money invested in research and feasibility studies. Mayor Duncan commented that the primary cost is design of the lake which would be borne by the developers.

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Councilmember Coyle was advised that a decision would not be made before completion of the environmental study in October. The State's review of the proposed mitigation sites will take approximately four-six weeks. If the State concurs, a Water Quality Certificate would be issued for the project. The Army Corps of Engineers would then have a 20-day period in which to invoke their discretionary authority and would either cause the City to go to an individual permit stage or allow the City to pursue a permit under the Nationwide Permits process (NWP).

Staff advised Councilmember Hovsepien that the County has not given permission for use of the County sites proposed for mitigation. A presentation will be made to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission with respect to the Green Farm Park site. The County Department of Environmental Protection will be contacted regarding the other County sites which may involve doing some repairing and reforestation along the existing stormwater management facilities in these areas. The City would be viewed as a developer by the County agencies.

Councilmember Robbins noted the precedent established in going out into the County to satisfy City environmental concerns.

Inasmuch as the plans call for planting trees in areas of Woottons Mill Park that are now mowed, Councilmember Hovsepien inquired as to the possibility of planting trees or enhancing the Cabin John Parkway right-of-way which may result in additional opportunities for mitigation. This is in the Cabin John stream valley and upstream from the lake which would be a positive way to go environmentally.

Mayor Duncan noted that these proposed alternative sites have not been adequately presented to the affected neighborhoods. Another public meeting is required to present to the citizens what is being submitted to the State.

The City Manager responded that letters had been directed to all associations in these areas informing them of this proposal and asking if they would like staff to

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come speak to their respective associations.

Councilmember Hovsepian requested that the Cabin John Parkway right-of-way also be taken into consideration for additional wetlands mitigation.

Upon motion of Councilmember Coyle, duly seconded and unanimously passed, staff was instructed to proceed with submission of the proposed wetlands mitigation plan, including the Cabin John Parkway right-of-way, to the State.

Re: Adoption of Ordinance to  
approve Text Amendment  
Application T-116-90, Linowes  
& Blocher, attorneys for First  
National Bank of Maryland,  
Applicant.

Ordinance No. 21-91

Councilmember Coyle noted that, although there had previously been some hesitation regarding approval of this text amendment, he is comfortable with the recommendations made.

Upon motion of Councilmember Hovsepian, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Ordinance No. 21-91, the full text of which can be found in Ordinance Book No. 17 of the Mayor and Council, was adopted to amend the use and development requirements of the Town Center Office-One (TCO-1) Zone to accommodate a drive-in bank.

Re: Adoption of Ordinance to amend  
Chapter 12 of the Rockville  
City Code entitled "Licenses,  
Permits and Miscellaneous  
Business Regulations" so as  
to modify those provisions of  
Article III regulating the  
attendance of minors in pool  
or billiard rooms; and to  
transfer the responsibility  
of enforcing the provisions  
contained in Article X  
pertaining to the licensing  
of pet shops and kennels from  
the Division of Licenses and  
Inspection to the Neighborhood  
Services Division.

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Ordinance No. 22-91

Upon motion of Councilmember Hovsepian, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Ordinance No. 22-91, the full text of which can be found in Ordinance Book No. 17 of the Mayor and Council, was adopted to amend Chapter 12 of the Rockville City Code entitled "Licenses, Permits and Miscellaneous Business Regulations" so as to modify those provisions of Article III regulating the attendance of minors in pool or billiard rooms, and to transfer the responsibility of enforcing the provisions contained in Article X pertaining to the licensing of pet shops and kennels from the Division of Licenses and Inspection to the Neighborhood Services Division.

Re: Adoption of Ordinance to amend Chapter 23, Section 23-22 of the Rockville City Code, entitled "Notice of violation; payment of penalty; issuance of summons" so as to increase the penalty for parking violations and to establish a separate penalty for violations of parking restriction signs designating handicapped parking only.

Ordinance No. 23-91

Upon motion of Councilmember Hovsepian, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Ordinance No. 23-91, the full text of which can be found in Ordinance Book No. 17 of the Mayor and Council, was adopted to amend Chapter 23, Section 23-22 of the Rockville City Code, entitled "Notice of violation; payment of penalty; issuance of summons" so as to increase the penalty for parking violations and to establish a separate penalty for violations of parking restriction signs designating handicapped parking only.

During recent budget worksessions, the decision was made to raise City parking fines from \$20 to \$25 and to establish a separate handicapped space fine of \$50.



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Re: Discussion and Instructions  
to Staff - Text Amendment  
Application T-118-91, Mayor  
and Council of Rockville,  
Applicant.

This proposal will amend the definition of "variance" as set forth in Chapter 25, "Zoning and Planning" of the Rockville City Code and would also: delete the prohibition of filing a local map amendment application for the RPC, Rockville Pike Commercial, Zone; remove the nonconforming status for residential uses in the O-2, Transitional Office, Zone; add a special restriction for retailing of computers in the I-3, Industrial Park, Zone; and correct the tables of uses regarding child care homes and centers.

The Mayor and Council reviewed the comments of the Planning Commission and approved their recommendations with the exception of allowing residential uses as permitted uses in the O-2, Transitional Zone. The Mayor and Council disagreed with the Planning Commission's recommendation not to allow new residences as permitted uses in this zone.

Upon motion of Councilmember Coyle, duly seconded and unanimously passed, staff was instructed to prepare the text amendment for approval by the Mayor and Council to: amend the definition of variance; allow residential uses as permitted uses in the O-2, Transitional Office Zone - Section 25-296; correct the tables of uses regarding child care homes and centers - Section 25-296; and add a special development standard for retailing computers in the I-3 Zone - Section 25-328.

Re: Adoption of Ordinance to issue  
General Obligation Bonds in  
an aggregate amount not to  
exceed \$8,500,000.

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The City plans to issue \$8,500,000 of General Obligation Bonds on August 27, 1991. Underwriting bids will be accepted on August 6. The bonds are required to finance the capital improvements program, in particular the Ritchie Parkway, West Montgomery Avenue and water system upgrading projects.

Councilmember Coyle indicated that the background information for the bonds was an excellent document and should be made available to the public.

Upon motion of Councilmember Robbins, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Ordinance No. 24-91, the full text of which can be found in Ordinance Book No. 17 of the Mayor and Council, was adopted to issue General Obligation Bonds in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$8,500,000.

Re: Discussion and Instructions  
to Staff - Request from Julius  
West Middle School for City  
of Rockville assistance in  
connection with Operation Pass  
(Pupil Assistance for School  
Success) Program.

The City's Advisory Commission on Public Education reviewed the request of Julius West Middle School and has made several recommendations and comments. The City Manager indicated that staff concurs with the Commission's recommendations which include: providing assistance via programs that are already established within City departments and contacting the Chamber of Commerce to inform them that there is this need in the community.

Councilmember Coyle questioned whether the involvement of the Chamber would be similar to the "Adopt-a-School" program. Staff replied no; however, no discussion has been held with the Chamber at this point. Councilmember Coyle expressed concern with providing services previously provided by the County. A careful review is warranted so that this does not become an ongoing commitment on the part of the City.

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Councilmember Robbins noted that the response is to use existing programs and not to try to replace or pick-up something the County has been providing. There is no concept of providing new services.

Mayor Duncan requested that a package be prepared for mailing to the principal of Julius West Middle School setting forth the Commission's recommendations. He expressed appreciation to the Advisory Commission on Public Education for their review and recommendations.

Staff was requested to provide information as to what after-school activities the City offers at the middle school level (similar to the STEP and KAT programs in the elementary schools). If the City does not currently have these types of programs, Mayor Duncan asked that information be provided as to what the City could do if the demand warranted such programs.

Re: FYI/Correspondence

Twinbrook Safeway

Councilmember Hovsepian referenced the letter of appreciation from a resident regarding Tamara Dietrich's (Inspection Services) efforts in having handicapped access ramps and marked parking spaces installed at the new store. She noted that the City has a very responsive staff; citizens can call staff and get action.

West Montgomery Avenue Reconstruction Project

The letter from Hal Kassoﬀ, State Highway Administration, regarding State funding for the reconstruction project was referenced by Councilmember Coyle, and he requested that letters be sent to the Delegates representing Rockville for their efforts in securing State funding.

Mayor Duncan requested that, after Labor Day, the City schedule a formal opening of the portion of the road from North Washington Street to Great Falls Road. This would provide an opportunity for nearby residents to see what the remainder of the

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street will look like upon completion.

Councilmember Coyle referenced a call he received from a West Montgomery Avenue resident during a recent rainstorm indicating that there was a crater in the middle of the road which could potentially cause a serious accident. He commended the City Manager for his prompt action in using his own car to block the road to prevent any mishaps.

Richard Montgomery Community Service Students

Mayor Duncan acknowledged the post card from Costa Rica, commenting that 18 students recently returned from the trip and that it was a wonderful learning experience for them.

Town Center Coverage in The Washington Post

Mayor Duncan expressed appreciation to Judy Greenberg for sending a copy of The Washington Post article highlighting Rockville Arts Place and other improvements in Town Center.

Re: New Business

Councilmember Coyle referenced the recently received Town Center Traffic and Pedestrian Studies, and Mayor Duncan indicated that these studies would be an agenda item at the September 10 worksession with the Traffic and Transportation Commission.

At the Maryland Municipal League convention, members were urging officials to contact their local delegates and senators regarding revenue and other issues of concern. The City Manager had been asked to prepare information to be forwarded to Rockville's representatives, and Councilmember Hovsepian requested that the Mayor and Council receive information regarding the issues to be addressed.

Councilmember Coyle commented that representatives of Moody's Investors Service visited the Maryland Municipal League convention and spoke with representatives of other local jurisdictions regarding Rockville. He indicated that they were very impressed with the turnout of Rockville officials.

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Re: Next Meeting

The special meeting for approval of the bond sale will be held tomorrow evening, August 6. The next general session is scheduled for September 16.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m., to convene again in Special Session at 5:30 p.m. on August 6, 1991, or at the call of the Mayor.